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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE ECISION TO APPROVE THE MINING ND RECLAMATION PLAN FOR ARGILL SALT'S TIMPIE SOLAR PONDS, OCELE COUNTY, UTAH

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE NO. M/045/030

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS ITERESTED IN SECTIONS 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE WEST; SECTIONS 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, AND 34, TOWNSHIP 1 ORTH, RANGE 7 WEST; SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 12, TOWNSHIP 1 OUTH, RANGE 8 WEST; AND SECTIONS 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, ND 36, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, SLBM, TOOELE COUNTY, TAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining fits tentative decision to approve the Mining and Reclamation in or Cargilli Salf's Timple Solar Ponds. Mining activities will affect portions of the following area: Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, ownship 1 South, Range 7 West; Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, nd 34, Township 1 North, Range 7 West; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 24, Township 1 South, Range 8 West; and Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 8, 33, 34, 35, and 36, Township 1 North, Range 8 West, SLBM, speele County, Utah.

Cargill Salt has submitted a large mine permit application to ontinue operating the existing Timple Solar Ponds mining operan (formerly operated by Akzo Salt of Utah). Cargill Salt will emory the following mining and reclamation techniques on appoximately 17,100 acres of land at the mine site (evaporation onds, storage and disposal areas, etc.) and approximately 153 cres of associated on-site processing facilities located on State, areau of Land Management and Fee land.

uring Operations: This is an existing solar salt evaporation operaon previously owned by Akzo Salf of Utah. Salt water is evapoted, concentrated and circulated through a series of large
allow ponds. The concentrated brine eventually reaches satution and salt is precipitated and deposited on the bottom of the
ystalizing ponds. The salt is harvested from these ponds and is
en transported to the wash plant where it is cleaned and dewored, then stockpiled for storage. Salt is then conveyed to the
ill where it is dried and screened. The sall is then either further
ocessed, bagged or shipped to market.

ter Operations: All processing facilities, buildings/structures will be demolished and the debtis removed from the site. The afcided area will then be regraded. The stockpile location will be poed and turned, then covered with 12 inches of topsoil. The foilities and stockpile areas will be seeded as directed by the Dision and the approved reclamation plan. The north dike will be it intact to protect route I-80 from flooding. The dikes protecting e Timple waterfowl area will also remain in place. Two concrete less will be removed, all other gates will be opened to let the intainment dikes erode naturally over time.

The person representing the company is Mr. Lyndon Jones; one (435) 884-0123. Cargill Salt is fulfilling obligations under the ah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest him hith? (30) days of the date of publication to Pamela Grubgh-Littig, Acting Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, as and Mining, 1594 West North temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, it Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for ecomplaint. If no responsive written profests are received by e Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the native decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 28 day of August, 2000

STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

/s/ Lowell P. Braxton Director

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